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Our Hilo Letter.

Hit.o. August 20, 1872. To the Editor of the Pacific Commercial Advertiser : DEAR SIR :- In one of Dumas' novels this conversation occurs: "Planchet, I have an idea." "Ah sir! You were always famous for that!" Just now, I also had an idea, but I have lost it, and it was a very good idea too, intended expressly for this letter and your paper. I was always famous for losing things, and some of my posterity take after me; that's why we are short of towels. My late idea skipped away from me as I sat down here like Josh Billing's flea, and when I put my thumb on him, he isn't there!

Mr. Samuel Grabb, Friend and Flour Factor of Clonmel, Ireland, known to everybody save one, forgot his name! The new delivery clerk, fresh from the General Post Office at St. Martins le Grand didn't know him, and very naturally enquired, "Your name sir?" "My letters," repeated Mr. G., "hast thee any for me?" "Give me your name sir, and I'll see," said the clerk. Mr. Grubb was nonplussed; such a thing had never happened to him before. Why, he was as well known in Clonmel as the town clock, and had been Mayor of the city. All the systematic arrangements of his methodical brain were knocked into confusion. He looked repreachfully at the young man from London and turned away. With both hands clasped behind him he walked musingly down the street in his brown suit and in a browner study. He had called every morning, Sunday excepted, for 30 years at that same Post Office for his letters and now, for the first time, to be asked for his name! But resone was at hand. "Good morning, Mr. Grubb," was the lively salutation of a brother cit. bound on a similar errand. "Grubb! Grubb! that's it! that's it!" and our much relieved friend wheeled round and burried back to the Post Office, smiling and secure, with victory perched on the tip of his tongue, leaving the other wondering if he

had not gone demented. All my stories are true, so whilst my hand is in and failing the lost thought, (where by the way do lost thoughts go ? Are we accountable for them ?) I will venture to tell you another, suggested as we say. on the occasion, and at least as interesting as a debate on a lunch motion. The Quakers, or more courteonsly, the Society of Friends, wait for the "inward light" to preach by. (See Barley's Apology.) And capital preaching they get sometimes from the ladies, as any body will say who ever heard Elizabeth Fry or Mary Dudley. Sometimes (when oil is scarce) they get no preaching at all, hence their " select meetings," and sometimes, be it reverently spoken, the light is-slippery. It was a reverend and much loved minister of that Society who rose from his sent in the front gallery that " First day morning" after an hour's silence, and placing his hand on the rail fronting the meeting, looked calmly around and waited. It was a signal for attraction, and the silence deepened. He stood long minutes there and made no sign. The silence grew oppressive until expectancy and embarrassment became painful to all out our earnest friend, who still stood with downcast eyes and placid mien, motionless, only his lips were seen to tremble. Now you or I would have felt as they say, in a " considerable of a fix " about that time in his place, but his temperate blood did not trouble his pulses unusually, whilst his age, experiences, faith beyond all, and what a queer acquaint: nce of ours calls "Standing in the Community," (which is precisely what he was doing.) sufficiently assured him against any awkwardness of that sort. He simply waited until the truth became fully revealed to him, and then, lifting his eyes submissively to the meeting, he said softly, "Dear friends, the little I had is gone from me,"-

A man might possibly be a genius-(or a bore)if his best ideas hadn't an inconvenient habit of stepping away from him. I have listened ere now to the tortuous speechifying and labyrinthine oratory of the great C. C., until it has been forced upon me that the threads of his discourse had snapped asunder, and that he was drifting helplessly about in a wretched entanglement of phrases with most unscientific appliances, casting his grappling irons at random into unknown depths, hoping, but seldom succeeding to hook his broken cable. His vocation is not on his legs, nor, from the samples we have seen, does he chine as a writer. That he might have been made something useful of by judicious nursing, is possible. I dare say he would have passed mediocrity in a peddler's cart.

and very quietly sat down.

Our chief events since my last letter are two. First an outbreak at the crater of Mokuaweoweo on the summit of Mauna Loa, which seems to be on a large scale, but it has been so cloudy and the view so obstructed that I defer any account of it for the

The other event is the opening of a circulating library. Mr. Pinkham is the hero who dares and commands the enterprise, and being also a talented boot and shoe maker, (he may thank me for this advertisement gratis in any graceful way he may select, though dancing pumps are not suitable for Hilo.) he compounds his devolus to Samuel Crispin and the Belles-lettres, books and boots, Oxford ties and Cambridge editions, French enamel by Dumas, Sand & Co., and British bend, by Dr. Johnson and Dean Swift, yellow covered fancy goods for the light minded and silky sermons in calf for the other sort; and so Mr. Pinkham improves our understandings, and secures our soles. But some paterfamilias of of the Hilo type object to fiction, and forbid the story books. The Vicar of Wakefield must give no candy to his youngsters, nor Russelas guide them to the happy valley. Sinbad the sailor, would be driven from his door, though he carried a Roc's egg in his pocket full of diamonds. Bunyan's pilgrim might gain admission for having conquered Pope and Pagan, but Jack the Giant Killer, Blue Beard, Cinderella and the poor Babes in the wood must all stand out in the cold, Robinson Crusoe is unreliable, and in one dark corner it has been whispered that William Shakespeare knew not grace !

Our Assessor has commenced work, and by a pleasing coincidence he happens to have been a member of the Legislature, just returned in time to take the books. I wonder if any similar fortuitous sircumstance welcomed the return of other Honorables to their homes?

It is rumored (among the children) that we are to have a girl's boarding school, or perhaps a young ladies' seminary, subsidized by the Government. Very good news, if true. For although

" Stone walls do not a prison make

Nor iron bars a cage," either for cats or maidens in this country, they may be made a very effectual protection for the latter. It is the " unguarded moments" that want looking to Apropos of schools, a droll little drama in humble life was played here the other day. A pair of thoughtless sucking doves found their affinity for each other during play hours, and had "gazed on each other with tender delight" with such practical effect that the result was --- ! Whereupon, after due indignation, high and patriarchal officers pair, "tant mieux, tant pis," which, willy nilly— the sulky bridegroom submitted to, and was incon-tinently shipped off to Lahainaluna, (whence so many worthies have graduated) there to cogitate

duly ticketed, to teach other "young i 'eas." What becomes of the bride-" mocked with a husband," is not yet developed. Although my first subject is missing (and a very good one) you must own that I have given you an

over the moral sciences and by and bye to return,

Yours truly, item or two. PACIFIC COMMERCIAL INTERESTS .- The growth of the commercial interests of the United States on the Pacific is evidenced by the fact, that the Navy Department has found it necessary to divide the Pacific station into two squadrons, one for the North Pacific and the other for the South. It is satisfactory to know that if our mercantile marine is declining on the Atlantic side of the Union, on the Pacific, it is not only holding its own but increasing. Each of the divisions will be under the command of a Rear Admiral, and there is no more effective way of fostering the growth of our commerce along the entire line of the Pacific coast, than the presence of a naval force corresponding with the interests involved. This has been the principle upon which Great Britain has built up its foreign trade, and our merchants doing business with those countries bordering on the Pacific will be glad that our Govrnment is recognizing this fact .- S. F. Bulletin, which will be sold in quantities to sult.



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